

DUXBURY IN THE '98 GALE

The Nov. 27, 1898, edition of the DUXBURY PRESS (published simultaneously in Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury) has these NOTES OF THE STORM which blew things around in 1898:

"Duxbury got it in the 'neck'.

"The beach is badly injured — everything movable on it is washed away, and great breaches made through the beach itself.

"The Powder Point bridge still stands, but the abutments have been carried away. Foot passengers have ventured across it, but it isn't safe for carriage travel.

"The shore is strewn with wreckage of buildings and furniture. All the Summer cottages, on the beach, and close to the shore on the mainland, suffered badly. Some were entirely demolished, and their contents scattered broadcast.

"At the house of Cassius Hunt, in the Village, the family was obliged to vacate, the water rising until it stood two feet deep on the ground floor.

"The lumber yard of John A. Irwin had a severe shaking up, and much lumber was lost.

"Trees had to take it. Many a huge old-timer bowed before the fury of the gale. Some were torn up by the roots; others were canted over. Branches are as thick as 'leaves in Vallombrosa.'

"The Gurnet is now an island.

"Alfred E. Green's dike was demolished.

"The train service was thoroughly demoralized. All communication with Boston is now by the way of Kingston. Trains run to connect with trains on the main line.

"The damage to Duxbury is estimated at \$100,000."

DUXBURY CORRESPONDENT LATE

The Duxbury correspondent did not get his copy in on time because of the impaired roads and mail service. He filed a story, but it didn't reach the Plymouth office in time. Later he reported that "every day brings forth further detail of the storm havoc. Roads in Tinkertown, Tarkila, Fordville and in West Duxbury passing through High St., present a curious sight. Trees are down in all directions. Much valuable woodland has been badly damaged and the wood choppers will be kept busy all winter."